

# **Commitment Adjustment Letter**

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Our review of your Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program (or E-rate) funding request has determined funds were committed in violation of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. You have 60 days from the date of this letter to appeal the following decision(s). For more detailed information see below.

Total commitment adjustment: \$23,568.78

Total amount to be recovered: \$20,978.45

FCC Form 471	FRN	Commitment adjustment	Total amount to be recovered	Explanation(s)	Party to recover from
161051840	1699118750	\$16,221.60	\$13,631.27	Unsubstantiated amount requested/ erroneously committed	BEN
161051840	1699118787	\$3,477.00	\$3,477.00	Unsubstantiated amount requested/ erroneously committed	BEN
161051840	1699118816	\$3,870.18	\$3,870.18	Unsubstantiated amount requested/ erroneously committed	BEN

See Attached Adjustment Report for more information on the specific FRNs and Explanations listed above.

#### **Commitment Adjustment**

FCC rules require the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to rescind commitments and recover funding when it is determined that funding was committed and disbursed in violation of the rules. This letter notifies you that USAC will be adjusting your funding commitment(s) and provides information on how to appeal this decision.

This is NOT a bill. If disbursed funds need to be recovered, USAC will issue a Demand Payment Letter. The debt referenced in the Demand Payment Letter will be due within 30 days of that letter's date. Failure to pay the debt may result in interest, late payment fees, and administrative charges and will invoke the FCC's "Red Light Rule."

#### FCC's Red Light Rule

The FCC Red Light Rule requires USAC to dismiss pending FCC Form 471 applications, appeals, and invoices or to net disbursements offsetting the debt if the entity responsible for paying the outstanding debt owed to the FCC has not paid the debt or made satisfactory arrangements to pay the debt within 30 days of the Demand Payment Letter. For information on the Red Light Rule, see

https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/debt-collection-improvement-act-implementation.



#### **To Appeal This Decision**

If you wish to contest any part of this letter, you must first file an appeal with USAC to seek review of the decision. Parties that have filed an appeal with USAC and received an adverse decision may, if they choose, appeal USAC's decision to the FCC. Parties seeking a waiver of a codified FCC rule should file a request for waiver directly with the FCC because USAC cannot waive FCC rules. Your appeal to USAC or waiver request to the FCC must be filed within 60 days of the date of this letter.

All appeals filed with USAC must be filed in EPC by selecting "Appeal" from the menu in the top right hand corner of your landing page and providing the requested information.

Your appeal should include the following information. (Because you file the appeal through your EPC account, the system will automatically fill in some of these components for you).

- 1) Name, address, telephone number, and email address for the contact person for this appeal.
- 2) Indicate specifically that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the USAC decision letter (e.g., Commitment Adjustment Letter) and the decision you are appealing:
  - a. Appellant name;
  - b. Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant;
  - c. Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN);
  - d. FCC Form 471 Application Number and the Funding Request Number (FRN) or Numbers as assigned by USAC;
  - e. "Commitment Adjustment Letter," AND the exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
- 3) Identify the problem and the reason for the appeal and explain precisely the relief sought. Please keep your appeal to the point, and provide supporting documentation. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation. A copy will automatically be saved for you in EPC. USAC will reply to your appeal submission to confirm receipt.

For more information on submitting an appeal to USAC including step by step instructions on how to file the appeal through EPC, please see "Appeals" in the Schools and Libraries section of the USAC website.

As mentioned, parties seeking a waiver of FCC rules or that have filed an appeal with USAC and received a decision may file a request for waiver or appeal USAC's decision to the FCC. Waiver requests or appeals to the FCC must be made within 60 days of the issuance of USAC's decision and include all of the information referenced above for appeals to USAC.

The FCC recommends filing appeals or waiver requests with the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) to ensure timely filing. Electronic waiver requests or appeals will be considered filed on a business day if they are received at any time before 11:59 PM ET. If you have questions or comments about using the ECFS, please contact the FCC directly at (202) 418-0193.

For more information about submitting waiver requests or appeals to the FCC, including options to submit the waiver request or appeal via U.S. mail or hand delivery, visit the FCC's website.

Schools and Libraries Division



## **Adjustment Report**

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 161051840
Funding Request Number: 1699118750
Commitment Adjustment: \$16,221.60
Total Amount to Be Recovered: \$13,631.27

Explanation(s): Unsubstantiated amount requested/ erroneously

committed

Party to Recover From: BEN
Funding Year: 2016
Billed Entity Number: 143376

Services Ordered: Data Transmission and/or Internet Access

Service Provider Name: Plateau Telecommunications, Inc

SPIN: 143004077
Original Funding Commitment: \$16,221.60
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date: \$13,631.27

#### **Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation:**

After a thorough investigation, it was determined that the funding commitment for this request must be rescinded in full. Per program procedures, FCC Form 486 must be certified no later than 120 days after the service start date shown on the FCC Form 486 or 120 days after the date of the FCDL, whichever date is later. Due to a late filing of your FCC Form 486, Service Start Date on your FRN was adjusted to 10/8/2017. Additionally, recurring charges that will occur before your adjusted service start date were removed and FRN was reduced to: zero. Accordingly, the commitment has been rescinded in full and USAC will seek recovery of \$13,631.27 in improperly disbursed funds from the applicant.



#### **Adjustment Report**

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 161051840
Funding Request Number: 1699118787
Commitment Adjustment: \$3,477.00
Total Amount to Be Recovered: \$3,477.00

Explanation(s): Unsubstantiated amount requested/ erroneously

committed

Party to Recover From:

Funding Year:

2016

Billed Entity Number:

143376

Services Ordered:

Voice

Service Provider Name: Plateau Telecommunications, Inc

SPIN: 143004077
Original Funding Commitment: \$3,477.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date: \$3,477.00

#### **Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation:**

After a thorough investigation, it was determined that the funding commitment for this request must be rescinded in full. Per program procedures, FCC Form 486 must be certified no later than 120 days after the service start date shown on the FCC Form 486 or 120 days after the date of the FCDL, whichever date is later. Due to a late filing of your FCC Form 486, Service Start Date on your FRN was adjusted to 10/8/2017. Additionally, recurring charges that will occur before your adjusted service start date were removed and FRN was reduced to: zero. Accordingly, the commitment has been rescinded in full and USAC will seek recovery of \$3,477.00 in improperly disbursed funds from the applicant.



#### **Adjustment Report**

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 161051840
Funding Request Number: 1699118816
Commitment Adjustment: \$3,870.18
Total Amount to Be Recovered: \$3,870.18

Explanation(s): Unsubstantiated amount requested/ erroneously

committed

Party to Recover From:

Funding Year:

Billed Entity Number:

Services Ordered:

BEN

2016

143376

Voice

Service Provider Name: AT&T Mobility
SPIN: 143025240
Original Funding Commitment: \$3,870.18
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date: \$3,870.18

### **Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation:**

After a thorough investigation, it was determined that the funding commitment for this request must be rescinded in full. Per program procedures, FCC Form 486 must be certified no later than 120 days after the service start date shown on the FCC Form 486 or 120 days after the date of the FCDL, whichever date is later. Due to a late filing of your FCC Form 486, Service Start Date on your FRN was adjusted to 10/8/2017. Additionally, recurring charges that will occur before your adjusted service start date were removed and FRN was reduced to: zero. Accordingly, the commitment has been rescinded in full and USAC will seek recovery of \$3,870.18 in improperly disbursed funds from the applicant.